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LEGISLATIVE CAMPAIGNS ASSESSED CIVIL PENALTIES FOR CAMPAIGN VIOLATIONS

Olympia – Chair of the Public Disclosure Commission, Christine Yorozu, found the **Re-Elect Senator Don Benton Committee/Friends of Don Benton 2000** and the **Friends of Dan Roach Committee** in violation of state public disclosure law and assessed the campaign committees civil penalties of \$300 and \$500 respectively.

At a Brief Enforcement Hearing in Olympia, the PDC chair found the re-election committee of State Senator Don Benton in violation for accepting campaign contributions in excess of the state limit. The campaign exceeded limits by over \$2,500 from seven different contributors during the 2000 election cycle. Yorozu assessed a penalty of \$300 and suspended \$150 of the penalty on the condition that no further violations of the statute are committed for a four-year period.

Yorozu also assessed the committee of State Representative Dan Roach \$500 for late reporting of contributions and expenditures during the 2000 election campaign. She suspended \$200 on the condition that no further violations of RCW 42.17 are committed for a two-year period.

“It is important to report information in a timely manner,” Yorozu said. “I consider it inexcusable to be so late.”

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